



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up Slightly**

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 179 million eggs during the week ending August 12, 2000. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 12, 2000. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through August 12, 2000, were 4.68 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 8 2000	Jul 15 2000	Jul 22 2000	Jul 29 2000	Aug 5 2000	Aug 12 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,235	28,535	28,670	28,687	*28,905	28,797
AR	28,673	30,353	29,752	29,692	29,564	30,078
DE	4,065	4,145	3,989	*3,969	3,969	3,886
FL	2,761	2,876	*2,860	2,649	2,684	2,748
GA	29,667	29,823	*30,257	30,488	29,801	30,470
MD	*8,202	8,474	8,328	*8,432	8,432	8,370
MS	17,404	18,013	18,168	18,149	17,931	18,314
NC	17,519	17,222	17,886	17,854	18,372	16,946
PA	3,677	3,615	3,662	3,844	*3,642	3,539
SC	4,681	4,850	4,747	4,822	4,828	4,807
TX	13,773	13,425	13,167	13,337	13,355	14,216
VA	*6,319	*6,465	*6,259	*6,417	6,388	6,044
CA, TN, & WV	*11,543	11,052	10,764	10,945	*9,529	10,363
15 State Total	*175,519	*178,848	*178,509	*179,285	*177,400	178,578
Previous Year Total	179,244	182,678	181,666	179,814	179,885	178,476
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	98	100	99	100

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 8 2000	Jul 15 2000	Jul 22 2000	Jul 29 2000	Aug 5 2000	Aug 12 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,545	20,645	20,859	20,195	*21,608	21,064
AR	24,510	23,772	23,887	22,315	22,852	23,659
DE	*5,447	*5,515	*4,725	*4,364	*4,311	5,169
FL	2,324	2,396	2,373	2,354	2,303	2,382
GA	25,438	23,522	23,947	24,024	*24,014	24,551
MD	*5,499	*5,904	*5,768	*6,154	*6,225	5,191
MS	15,173	14,461	14,650	14,661	15,218	14,914
NC	14,509	14,305	13,325	13,817	14,013	14,306
PA	2,514	2,843	2,540	2,817	*2,722	2,714
SC	4,105	4,138	4,222	3,443	3,659	3,644
TX	11,337	11,485	9,775	10,714	10,299	10,319
VA	*5,307	*5,557	*5,273	*5,587	5,357	5,554
CA, TN, & WV	*9,584	*10,076	*9,736	*10,290	*9,820	9,070
15 State Total	*147,292	*144,619	*141,080	*140,735	*142,401	142,537
Previous Year Total	146,774	145,196	143,251	142,036	144,959	144,750
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	98	99	98	98

\* Revised.